

House Resolution No. 2159

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on April 12, 1958, Francis Joseph "Joe" Pursifull took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Joann Carter, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the St. Peter Catholic Church in Keokuk, Iowa; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Joe and Joann Pursifull have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children and their spouses, Steve and Janet Pursifull, Tammy and Herb Lovelace, Roger and Tami Pursifull, and Scott and Wanda Pursifull; seven grandchildren, Brandon Pursifull and his wife, Brittney, Corey Lovelace, Ashley Lovelace, Brittany Pursifull, Andrew Pursifull, Ryan Pursifull, and Matthew Pursifull; two step-grandchildren and their spouses, Matthew and Jenny Horenkamp and Melissa and Mike Nickler; one great-granddaughter, Maliyah Niffen; and one step-great-grandson, J.D. Horenkamp; and

Whereas, Joe Pursifull is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as an employee of Ameren UE, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Joann Pursifull further distinguished herself by working at the Pike County Medical Clinic and Pike County Memorial Hospital prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, Joe Pursifull has also enjoyed recognition as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 370, the Knights of Columbus, and the Louisiana Book Club; while Joann is a member of the Elkettes, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Louisiana Business and Professional Women's Foundation, the Louisiana Garden Club, and the Louisiana Coffee Mates; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Pursifull, residents of Louisiana, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration April 12, 2008, at the American Legion Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joe and Joann Pursifull for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the very best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph Pursifull, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2159, adopted April 23, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker